THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

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(S) This is in response to your letter of April 2, 1982 requesting a waiver of DoD's polygraph directive, to permit polygraphing of DoD personnel assigned to

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understand several of my staff accepted your invitation to visit the building to understand better the physical changes now being made to the building and those that are planned.

- (U) As I indicated in my letter to you of March 11, your original request for a waiver to our existing polygraph policy was coordinated with those DoD Components whose personnel would be affected if the waiver were granted.
- (S) Following the visit to further delibera-25X1 tions were held with the affected Components. As a result of these deliberations two consideration have been raised:

First - Our Components operating in _______ believe that, notwithstanding the changes being made to the building, their access to sensitive information within CIA's purview will not increase significantly in that facility for 3-4 years. Consequently, there is time to approach this question on a more deliberate basis.

Second - There are DoD imagery interpretation personnel at a number of other locations who have access as sensitive as that of DoD personnel in _______ Therefore, the matter of DoD administering polygraph examinations as a basis for access by imagery interpreters should be considered and resolved in its totality rather than applying the policy only to photo interpreters assigned to

(S) We currently are examining on a priority basis, in coordination with the Components, overall policy regarding the use of the polygraph for personnel security purposes. Included in

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this review is the matter of requiring polygraph examinations for extremely sensitive duties such as imagery specialists

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(U) Therefore, I must defer taking action on your request for waiver regarding personnel until our review is completed and our revised polygraph policy is developed. Again, I sincerely appreciate your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

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